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§14–505.

(a) (1) A licensed physician or registered nurse who is primarily responsible for the treatment of an individual for a burn injury described in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall as soon as practicable notify the county fire chief or administrator, or designee, or, if neither office exists, the State Fire Marshal or designee. If treatment occurs at a hospital, the treating physician or designee shall be responsible for giving the notice required by this section.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection apply to a burn injury:

(i) Causing 2nd or 3rd degree burns to 5 percent or more of the patient's body;

(ii) To the upper respiratory tract or laryngeal edema caused by inhaling super-heated air;

(iii) Which causes death; or

(iv) Which is likely to cause death.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection do not apply to a sunburn.

(b) Notice under this section shall include:

(1) The name and address of the patient, if known;

(2) A description of the burn injury;

(3) The reported cause of the burn injury, if given;

(4) The patient's prognosis; and

(5) Any other fact concerning the burn injury which might assist in detecting arson.

(c) If an investigation is conducted after notification is given under subsection (a) of this section, the investigating agency shall report its findings on an

incident reporting system report and send it to the State Fire Marshal's office for retention.

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